

# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION CENTER

## FTC v. ChoicePoint, Inc.

## You may be eligible for reimbursement if you lost money as a result of identity theft.

Last year, ChoicePoint, a company that compiles and sells personal information, announced that it had sold information about many consumers to people who turned out to be identity thieves. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the nation's consumer protection agency, investigated the ChoicePoint security breach and learned that these sales resulted in identity theft for some people. The FTC and ChoicePoint have reached a settlement that requires the company to pay \$5 million to be used to reimburse consumers for money they had to pay due to identity theft caused by ChoicePoint's security breach. A press release explaining the settlement can be found at <a href="http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2006/01/choicepoint.htm">http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2006/01/choicepoint.htm</a>.

If you were a victim of identity theft as a result of the ChoicePoint security breach and you have out-of-pocket expenses resulting from this identity theft, you may be eligible for reimbursement. Please see the instructions on the enclosed claim form to find out what types of costs are eligible for reimbursement.

If you submit a claim, please read the instructions, complete the enclosed form, make a copy for your records, and send the form to the Claims Administrator at the following address:

FTC v. ChoicePoint Claims Administration Center PO Box 2009 Chanhassen MN 55317-2009

The form must be postmarked by February 4, 2007, for consideration. The amount applicants receive will depend on a number of factors, including how many people apply for reimbursement. Please call us toll-free at 1-888-884-8772, or send an e-mail to cpredress@ftc.gov if you have any questions.

#### INSTRUCTIONS

If you were a victim of identity theft because of ChoicePoint's security breach, and have out-of-pocket expenses due to the identity theft, you may apply for reimbursement for certain expenses. Please complete the enclosed form. Be sure to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

## Here are examples of expenses for which you may be reimbursed:

- · Unauthorized charges on your existing accounts NOT covered by your bank or credit card company
- Money paid on new accounts opened fraudulently in your name
- Money paid to a debt collector for accounts opened fraudulently in your name
- · The cost of ordering new checks
- Costs associated with correcting unauthorized charges and other fraudulent activity that occurred in your name, such as:
  - ▶ Telephone toll calls
  - Mail, fax, and photocopy charges
  - ▶ Hourly fees for Internet access
  - ▶ Travel expenses like cabfare or mileage to straighten out your account
- · The cost to file or receive a copy of a police report
- Notary fees
- Costs associated with disputing incorrect information with a creditor, credit reporting agency, or debt collector, such as:
  - Telephone calls
  - Mail, fax, and photocopy charges
  - ▶ Hourly fees for Internet access
  - ▶ Travel expenses like cabfare or mileage to meet with a creditor
- · Costs associated with disputing information with your health insurance carrier, such as:
  - Telephone calls
  - Mail, fax, and photocopy charges
  - Hourly fees for Internet access
  - ▶ Travel expenses like cabfare or mileage to meet with your insurance company
- The costs for copies of your credit report(s)
- The cost for a service to monitor your credit file(s), including identity theft insurance
- Fees paid to help resolve your identity theft problem, such as to your attorney, accountant, or private investigator
- Costs to change or update your tax returns because identity thieves submitted false information to the IRS
- Lost disability or unemployment insurance payments as a result of the identity theft

The FTC is considering the feasibility of providing additional money to victims to compensate them for the time spent in dealing with this identity theft. Please indicate the number of hours you have spent on the claim form at Item No. 3.

# FTC v. CHOICEPOINT CLAIM FORM

	Name and/or Address Corrections	
Name:		
Address:		

Claim Information			
I have incurred costs from identity theft as a result of the ChoicePoint security breach.	○ Yes ○ No ○ I don't know		
<ol> <li>If yes, list each expense and list the total cost to you from the identity theft. List only out-of-pocket costs to you. Do not list any expenses for which you have received reimbursement. Attach additional pages if necessary.</li> </ol>	sssss		
TOTAL	\$		
<ol> <li>Number of hours I spent resolving problems due to the identity theft.</li> </ol>	hours		
Telephone Number  Date of Signature			
Your signature below will indicate that you attest to the truth of the information you submit under penalty of perjury.			
Printed Name:			
Your Signature:			
The form must be postmarked by February 4, 2007 to be considered. You must return this form to:			
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We will notify you if your claim is approved or rejected. Please call 1-888-884-8772, or send an e-mail to <a href="mailto:cpredress@ftc.gov">cpredress@ftc.gov</a>, if you have any questions.

### PRIVACY ACT NOTICE

The information requested on the Claim Form is being collected in order to make a distribution of funds paid to the Federal Trade Commission pursuant to a judgment resolving allegations of unfair and deceptive acts and practices in or affecting commerce, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 45(a). In addition, the information may be disclosed for other purposes authorized by the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a and 57 Fed. Reg. 45,678, including disclosure to other government agencies. Submission of the requested information is voluntary, but failure to provide the requested information could delay processing or be a basis for extension of the reguested information. rejection of your claim.